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ENDOSCOPE**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-165359, which was published on June 23, 1998, together with a full English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-146741, which was published on May 20, 1992, together with a full English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-047135, which was published on February 23, 1999, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation of the same;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No.: US 2003/0191464 to KIDOOKA,
which was published on October 9, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No.: US 2003/0043264 to FURUYA,
which was published on March 6, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. If any copies of the U.S. publications are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant also brings the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/404,556 to Satoshi KIDOOKA, filed April 2, 2003, and entitled "BIPOLAR HEMOSTATIC FORCEPS FOR AN ENDOSCOPE."

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of records, if any, cited therein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial

the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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